

TRAC match – May 19, 2026 – Mark Kauffman, match director

Another Tuesday, and almost the same condition as the previous Tuesday's... Today started out clear and cloudless, albeit a little cooler. That clear sky turned a little cloudy, and by the end of the match, mostly cloudy, with high wispy clouds, almost giving the impression of overcast skies. And all this within a 2-hour time frame. Problem is that you could not tell of direction of movement; one minute clear, the next cloudy.

The wind was forecast, by the NWS as 5-10 mph from the east. HA! At the beginning of the match, it was coming at us from the north, then NW. What seemed like just a few minutes later, it was coming from the SE, then SW and it was anywhere from 3 mph (infrequently) to 14 mph with the usual BASF swirl. While our muzzle mounted wind flags showed wind out of the west, down range a fairly large dust devil traversed from right to left heading west. At one point, I was holding on a mid-range target and watched a dust devil develop right in front of the target! Amazing conditions.

We had 8 shooters in attendance today. From the bitching, you would have thought the scores were going to be pitiful. Makes me wonder what it would sound like if they WERE really pitiful. WAIT! Yes, I have heard that, come to think of it. Oh, well, this is the Tuesday crew....bunch of whiners.....and Tony wasn't even here!

47/48 – Van Tucker / Air Ranger / Hunter PCP, and never happy, but tied with...

47/48 – Peykan Beyrami / Daystate Blackwolf / Hunter PCP

42/48 – Jesse Avery / BRK Ghost / Hunter PCP, and tied with...

42/48 – Stan Mountford / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

41/48 – Bill Cole / Daystate Revere / Hunter PCP

40/48 – Mark Kauffman / AA TX200 / Open Piston

39/48 – Carl Forrey / Diana 54 / Hunter Piston

35/48 – Loren Braud / BRK Sniper / Hunter PCP

The scores were not bad, but still cannot understand why the griping. Maybe they had to work a little harder with the windy conditions. I almost dread to hear the outburst next week for Pistol / Piston Tuesday. Consider it just friendly banter. It is entertaining when you hear it waft in from the other end of the firing line.

As always, I gotta thank the pit crew for quick set up and tear down afterwards, and this involves all the shooters. These guys always seem to set the targets in the right places, sometimes bordering on distant, but always within limits and always challenging. You never know what you are going to get, but rest assured, it is always fun to shoot.

Respectfully submitted,
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Remember that an airplane takes off into the wind, not with it!